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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 17 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-16-12

The Inner Ugak Bay Section of the Eastside Kodiak District will be extended for <u>48-hours</u> from 9:00 p.m. Thursday June 28 until 9:00 p.m. Saturday June 30.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are <u>reduced</u> until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, June 30 at Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415) Hearst Creek, (stream # 259-414) and Rough Creek (stream # 259-416) in Saltery Cove to the stream terminus of each stream, for both subsistence and commercial salmon fishing.

As Previously Announced:

The following sections of the **Alitak District will close** at the following dates and times:

- The Olga Bay Section, at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 28:
- The Moser Bay Section, at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 28;
- The Alitak Bay Section, at 9:00 p.m. Thursday, June 28; and
- The Cape Alitak Section, at 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 29.

The following areas will remain **open until further notice**:

- The Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District;
- The Southwest Afognak, Southeast Afognak, Inner Kitoi, Outer Kitoi, Duck Bay, and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District;
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

In that portion of the Northwest and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear, until further notice in the commercial fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Cost recovery fisheries began in the Telrod Cove Special Harvest Area (SHA) on June 21, 2012; and the Telrod Cove SHA will remain closed to common property fishing. Fishery opportunities in Telrod Cove will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406);
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821);
- In **Kitoi Bay** to the ADF&G markers located in Little Kitoi and Big Kitoi bays (near stream #s 252-323 and 252-324);
- In **Afognak Bay** (for both commercial and subsistence salmon fishing) to the ADF&G markers located at the stream terminus at Afognak River (stream #252-342).

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.